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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAPU ISSUES WAR COMMUNIQUE

1. THE ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION (ZAPU) ISSUED A
"WAR COMMUNIQUE" IN LUSAKA JANUARY 9 LISTING THE SUCCESSES
OF ITS MILITARY WING, THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S ARMY (ZIPA),
FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1977. ACCORDING TO THE RE-
PORT ZIPA KILLED 658 RHODESIAN SOLDIERS, WOUNDED 1062, AND
DESTROYED 75 TROOP CARRIERS. THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT
ZIPA AND THE MILITARY WING OF ZANU, THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S
REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ZPRA), ALSO DESTROYED THREE BRIDGES,
DOWNED THREE RHODESIAN PLANES, DAMAGED FOUR LOCOMOTIVES AND
20 RAIL WAGONS, DESTROYED 13 BASES AND CAMPS, AND "RENDERED
NON-FUNCTIONAL 20 ENEMY STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC INSTALLATIONS."

2. THE REPORT CLAIMS THAT ZIPA-ZPRA FORCES ARE OPERATING
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EVERYWHERE INSIDE RHODESIA. THE ZAPU COMMUNIQUE STATES
THAT AS THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING INCREASES, "IT IS POSSIBLE
TO EXPECT AN ARMED-UPRISING OF ALL OUR PEOPLE."

3. COMMENT: ZAPU IS PRONE TO ISSUING EXAGGERATED ACCOUNTS
OF ITS MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS. THIS COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE
READ AS AN ATTEMPT TO SHOW THAT THE MILITARY OPTION IS LIVE

AND WELL AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE INTERNAL NEGOTIATIONS
GOING ON IN SALISBURY.
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